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First Amendment

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2004, the period for reply being reset to three months from the mailing date of the Office Communication mailed January 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.